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Title: Need to enhance quota of essential commodities for the State of Orissa-Laid.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (BERHAMPUR) (ORISSA): The State of Orissa is not getting its due share of levy sugar, kerosene oil, rice and wheat from the Central Pool. There is a wide gap between the actual requirement and Central allocation. As a result of that, the consumers in the State particularly the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the society are facing a lot of hardship.

The poor people are not getting sugar adequately at the time of festivals due to less Central allocation. Due to shortage of firewood, the poor and middle class people depend on kerosene. As it is not allocated according to the requirement, the poor people are suffering untold misery.

The allocation of rice and wheat has been reduced drastically. The State Government has been demanding additional allocation of rice, wheat, kerosene and levy sugar from the Central Pool. But adequate allocation has not been made by the Union Government.

Keeping in view the severe drought prevailing in the State, I demand that the allocation of rice, wheat, kerosene and sugar quota for the State of Orissa be enhanced during the current year as well as for the year 1999.